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YOUTH INVESTMENT COUNCIL MEETING
Administration Building – 640 S. Broad St.

Meeting Minutes ♦ February 26, 2014

Attendance: Mary E. Burks, S. Lucille Jones, Kendra Lee, Nina Melker (Chairperson), Robin Rapport, Rakima Stokes
Staff: Maribel Duarte, Beverly Mills

The meeting was opened by Nina Melker.

Bev congratulated Nina on her induction into the YWCA's Hall of Fame

Approval of Sept. 26, 2013 Minutes

- S. Lucille made motion to approve minutes. The motion was seconded by Kendra.

Round-table introductions were made.

One Stop Report

- New program year commenced on October 2013
- In-School program vendors include: Mercer Junior High School, Boys & Girls Club and MCCC; all programs are on track to meet their LOS
- Out-of-School services will be rendered in-house via the YCC (Youth Career Connection)
 - Youth will receive orientation services 2 days a week (2 hours each) and be assessed in preparation for work experience
 - Youth who complete occupational training and the orientation phase will be placed at a worksite to apply their skills and receive work experience; they will earn wages (paid by the OS) with the goal of obtaining unsubsidized employment at completion of their assigned worksite
 - A company that participated in this initiative (and hired youth) spoke highly of it at the last WIB Board meeting and encouraged employers to participate, especially since there is no cost/commitment upfront

Youth Symposium

- A summary of the Student Feedback Results were provided
 - S. Lucille commented that her students had a very good experience at the event last year and that they did activities at school dealing with the talent networks
- Tentative date is 10/7/14 at Conference Center
- Health will remain the "feature" network
- Target audience will be 10th and 11th graders
- Keynote speaker, Maurice Coleman has been contacted for 2014, and will let us know his availability

- Kendra and Rakima attended the “Technology in the world of work” conference held at TCNJ for the Isles Youth Build program and suggested that we incorporate this into our symposium (available in the beginning to all in attendance)

Junior Achievement

- They are interested in offering services to youth via the OS; Maribel will schedule a meeting with them and Kendra in April/May to discuss possibilities

Miscellaneous

- It was suggested that information about MCCC dual matriculation be provided to counselor during their countywide meetings; also continue to “educate” them on resources (NJ CAN, OS services, etc.)

Announcement

- Trenton Public Schools will hold its Career Days on April 1, 2 (West Campus) and April 3,4 (Chamber campus). Please contact Mary Burks to participate

Meeting Schedule

- Dates handed out

NEXT MEETING: **March 27, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. ♦ McDade Admin. Bldg. – Rm. 430**